

for the mail on Saturday, to wait
till to-day - to see if the advent
of my 55th birth-day would find me
wiser in any of the matters as to
which I had concluded - when consulted
younger - but find no change in
my Saturday's views, which I therefore
confirm - adding only kind love
to W. J. Gray - some to Herbert -
much to yourself -

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You may as well address the
package of plants to
15 West 21st St.

Why are you like an undertaker?
Because you removed my ashes
from N. Y. to Cambridge !!!

New York, 19 June 1852.

Dear Gray,
I have your note & shall
transcribe what you write as to
Sartwell's plants, for his information,
& also send the seeds. I mean
to recommend him to try part of
them in a weak solution of
Oxalic Acid, which I believe to be
better than Muricatic, as he proposes.

Now, as to the Wright plants,
it would not seem to be right
that I should be quite shut out
from the distribution of them,
& as I altogether disapprove of
"cribbing" - when it cannot be done
there seems only the honest way,
you suggest, of obtaining a few
of them - Certainly, as a prudent

Gentleman (55 yrs. old, in 2 days!)
I should hesitate to say I can "stand"
this arrangement - but, as a most
peccable son of our common mother,
I feel that I cannot with-stand
"2 or 3 hundred, or less, judiciously
selected" - So I even say, as the
renowned hunting Lord Mayor said
by the hare, & for the rest, I
must make the two ends meet, as
I best may - or, call my creditors
together. I ascribe that the usual
price of \$10 for 100 is the charge
for these tempters. After all,
Eve fancied the live fruits & I
the dead ones, & the flowers - No great
difference, it would seem.

As to your Athens friend Elisha
Hall, & his *Carex Steudellii*, he is
far more nice than wise - The
spikes are (practically) solitary,

being all radical, though no doubt
2 or 3 issue from the same sheath.
Look at Brott's fig. (209 Fl. Borum)
of *C. Backii*, & you will notice
precisely the same arrangement,
yet he places the species in his
"S. A. Spica solitaria."

Whose Dog is Elisha Hall to call
in question the doings of Dr. Booth,
in the matter of a *Carex*? to say
nothing of Mr. Carey! It is true
that Kunth, the author of the
species, says "spicis dualibus
subradicalibus" - but they are
quite-radicalibus, so far as I
can discern - However, if we live
till the 2^d Edn. some qualifying
phrase must be thought of, for the
sake of such innocents as your
friend Hall.

Monday Morning. I was too late